

Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 18, 2022, at 4:00 pm via ZOOM Link Available on Website

New London, CT

MINUTES

PRESENT: R. Muckle, B. Crouch, C. Schiano, M. Paterson, L. Fenn, M. Spellman, D. Brailey L. Bumgardner, K. Rollins, K. Booker, N. Spera, T. Collins

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum

1b. Public Comment

The Board of Directors welcomes public comment. Due to the nature of the virtual format of the meeting, all comments are to be submitted via email prior to noon on the day of the meeting. Comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operations of ISAAC and will be shared with the Board members in their packet. We shall not read or address any comments at this meeting. However, comments concerning individual students or staff members shall not be permitted.

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from April BOD Meeting
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for April 2022

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

Moved: M. Spellman; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None;

Abstentions: None. The motion carries

4:03 pm

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. COVID-19 Re-Opening Update

There have no significant changes to what we have been doing for the past few months.

3b. CSDE Report Update

Had a meeting with the SDE regarding the probation process. This is the review prior to ISAAC either coming off probation, which would be May 24, 2022, or have the probation period extended. Dr. Spera pleaded that ISAAC come off probation. Dr. Spera and Chairman Muckle felt very positive about the meeting.

3c. Grant Update

Waiting to hear back about the security grant.

3d. Legislative Update

We're now moving up in the ECS formula. This means approximately \$90,000.00, which allows us the fiscal flexibility to do things like the construction project.

3e. Hiring Update

Hired a Math Teacher from Indiana.

We have a Music Teacher opening. One of our current teachers is moving back home.

3f. Construction Project Update

There was a bid process recently and did a public opening. Pleased to see that the numbers had gone down from the last time we had a bid process. Six different bidders.

The kitchen is looking spectacular. We received the approval from the building official of New London.

3g. NEASC Accreditation Update – Collaborative Conf. Visit - Oct 17-18, 2022 (Oct 20-23, 2024)

The committee is coming next week for a visit to see what our school climate is all about.

4:18 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Dr. Spera

- Finance Update - April Minutes
- The budget for next year will be distributed for review in advance in order to discuss at the May meeting. The expectation is to vote on the budget at the June board meeting.

4b. SCHOOL BUILDING

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- School Building Update from Public Bid

Discussed above. Chairman Muckle reports that there were six bidders. Dr. Spera shared more details about what is involved in the process.

Motion: In order to move forward with construction, proceed with financing for the addition with G. Donovan as the contractor at \$2,083,000.00.

Moved: Spellman; 2nd: B. Crouch; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None. The motion carries.

Dr. Spera reported that he will pursue funding with Dime Savings Bank. The loan will be a drawdown loan. Once financing is secure, the contract with the construction project can be signed. The loan will be between \$1.4 and \$1.5 million.

4c. GOVERNANCE

M. Spellman

- Reviewed Teacher Interview policy and interviews
- Reviewed COVID policies for the possibility of a surge next school year
- BOD Election Ballot
 - Elections at the June Meeting

Motion: To close nominations and to approve the election ballot of officers for 2022-23

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None. The motion carries.

4:26 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F. Muckle

5a. Executive Director Budget Overview

Dr. Spera

Dr. Spera presented the Executive Director Budget Overview and the specific components of the 2022-2023 budget. Dr. Spera highlighted the Special Education Billing Methodology that was approved by SDE.

Secured a 12-passenger van located in New London, after contacting all 50 states searching for one. Two 15-passenger vans will be purchased.

5b. NEASC Standard 2 Self Study

Associate Principal Collins

T. Collins presented the NEASC Self-study results and explained each of the different aspects of this standard and how they are being addressed and implemented at ISAAC. All areas 2.1 through 2.9 were voted unanimously by the Board as “Implementing”

5c. Possible Action on Construction Project Bids and Financing (4b) *Chairman R.F. Muckle*

4:45 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; In Favor: All; Opposed: None. The motion carries.